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A pair of mottled ducks with the male on the left and the female on the right. Typically the bill of a male mottled duck is bright yellow to olive green and the bill of the female is orange with dark drab splotches.

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Hen Mallards, Black and Mottled Ducks

Identification Characteristics



Hen Mallard

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- A** Blue speculum.
- B** White leading and trailing edge.

Mottled Duck



- A** Blue to green speculum
- B** Black leading edge
- C** A white trailing edge

Black Duck



- A** Purple to violet speculum
- B** Black leading and trailing edge, a faint white line on trailing edge may be present

